



## Adhesion and Friction

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  - Background and History
  - Basic Principles
  - Size effect
  - Materials, Applications
  - Recent advancements
  - Links



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## Thermoelectric effect

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*This page is about the thermoelectric effect as a physical phenomenon. For applications of the thermoelectric effect, see [thermoelectricity](#).*

The **thermoelectric effect** is the direct conversion of temperature differences to electric [voltage](#) and vice versa. A thermoelectric device creates a voltage when there is a different temperature on each side. Conversely when a voltage is applied to it, it creates a temperature difference (known as the Peltier effect). At atomic scale (specifically, charge carriers), an applied temperature gradient causes charged carriers in the material, whether they are electrons or holes, to diffuse from the hot side to the cold side, similar to a classical gas that expands when heated; hence, the thermally-induced current.

This effect can be used to generate electricity, to measure temperature, to cool objects, or to heat them or cook them. Because the direction of heating and cooling is determined by the sign of the applied voltage, thermoelectric devices make very convenient temperature controllers.

Traditionally, the term *thermoelectric effect* or *thermoelectricity* encompasses three separately identified effects, the **Seebeck effect**, the **Peltier effect**, and the **Thomson effect**. In many textbooks, thermoelectric effect may also be called the **Peltier–Seebeck effect**. This separation derives from the independent discoveries of French physicist [Jean Charles Athanase Peltier](#) and Estonian-German physicist [Thomas Johann Seebeck](#). [Joule heating](#), the heat that is generated whenever a voltage is applied across a resistive material, is somewhat related, though it is not generally termed a thermoelectric effect (and it is usually regarded as being a loss mechanism due to non-ideality in thermoelectric devices). The Peltier–Seebeck and Thomson effects can in principle be [thermodynamically reversible](#),<sup>[1]</sup> whereas Joule heating is not.

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# Proposal Presentation



- Date: Oct 12-Oct 16
- Every one is given 15 minutes for your presentation:
  - What's your topic?
  - Why it is interesting?
  - What's the nanoscience principle?
  - Who are the heros in this area?
  - What would be the potential applications?



# Organization of Coming Lectures



- Coupled Charge-Mass Transport in Fluid
  - Electrokinetic Phenomena
- **Surface and Interface Interactions**
  - Contact Angle, Effect on Melting and Condensation, Wetting on surface textures
- **Adhesion and Friction**

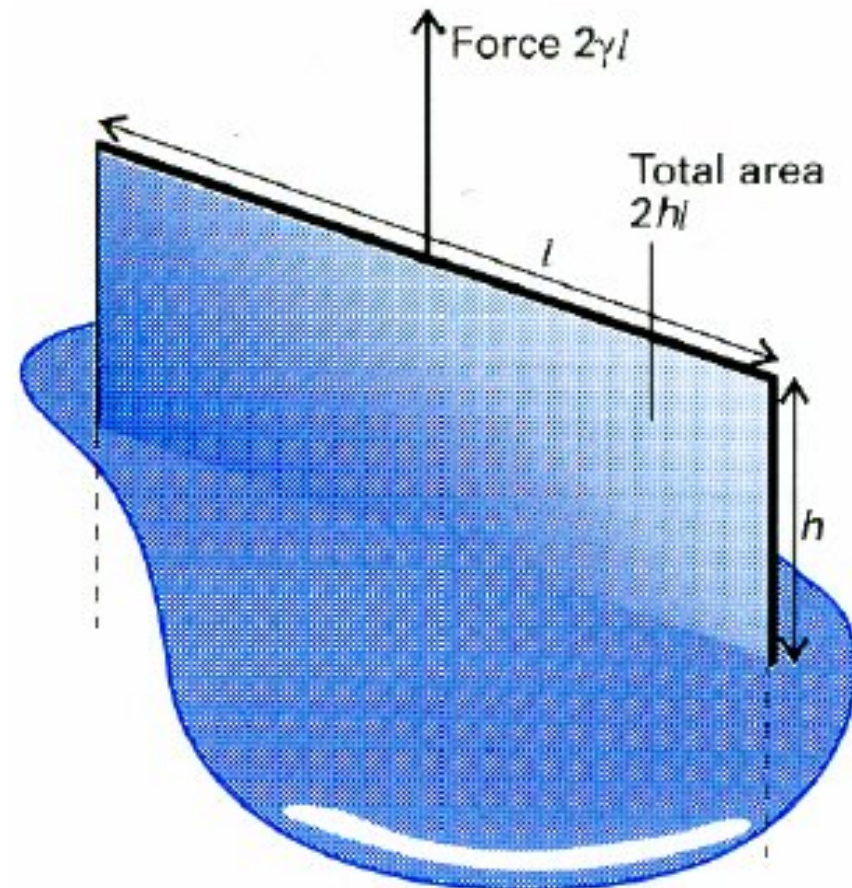


# Surface and Surface Tension



- Surface tension: a thermodynamic property
- $dG = \gamma dA$ ,  $dF = \gamma dl$
- Unit :  $J/m^2$  or  $N/m$

Surface tension is generally restricted to liquid; Surface free energy generally applies to liquids and solids





# Molecular Picture of Surface Tension

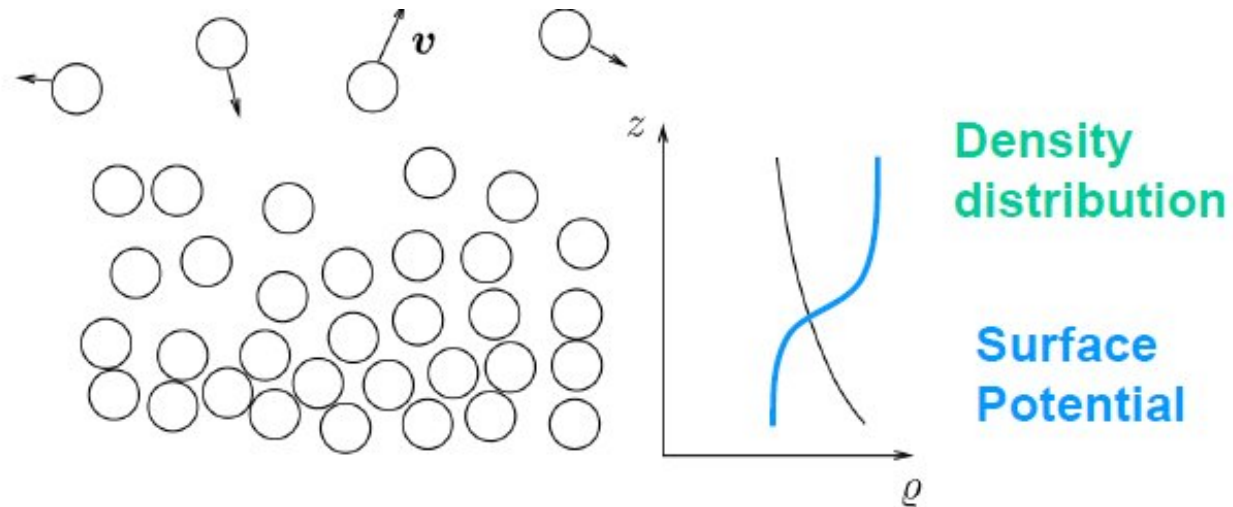


Fig. 2.21. Cross section through the interface region between liquid and vapor

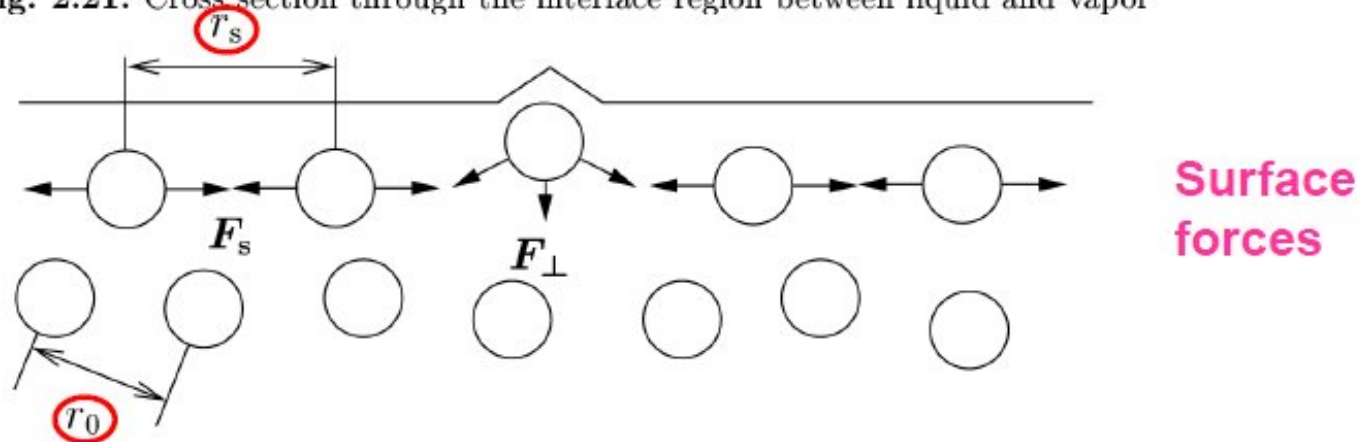
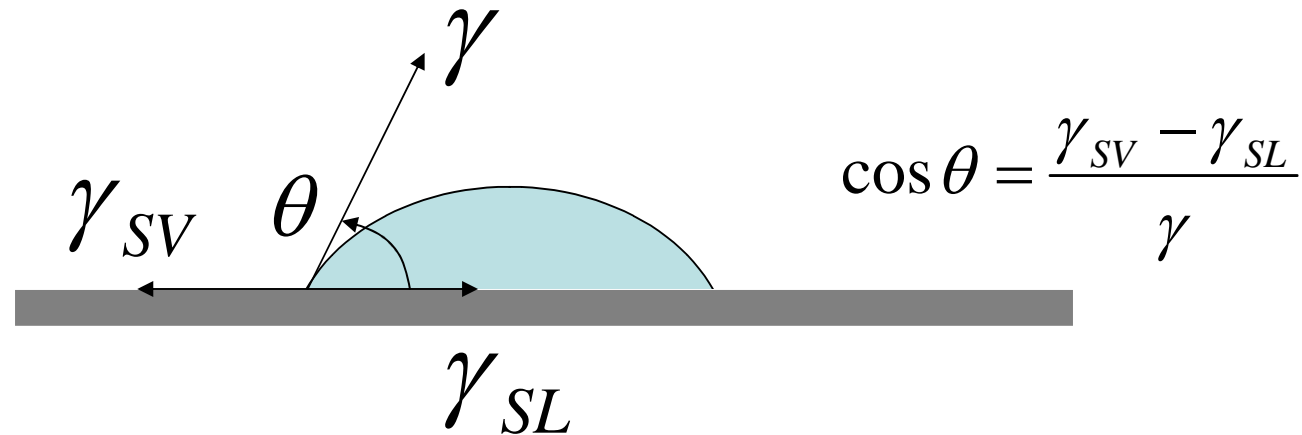


Fig. 2.22. Force  $F_{\perp}$  on molecule moved perpendicular to surface plane results from perpendicular components  $F_{\perp}$  of forces  $F_s$  acting in surface plane

From: Jens Ducreé, <http://www.myfluidix.com/>



# Contact Angle: Young's Equation



- Young's equation to relate the surface forces at the three-phase contact line to the apparent contact angle for an ideal surface.  $\theta =$  Young's angle for a smooth surface

the interfacial energies

$\gamma_{SV}$  : solid - vapor

$\gamma_{SL}$  : solid - liquid

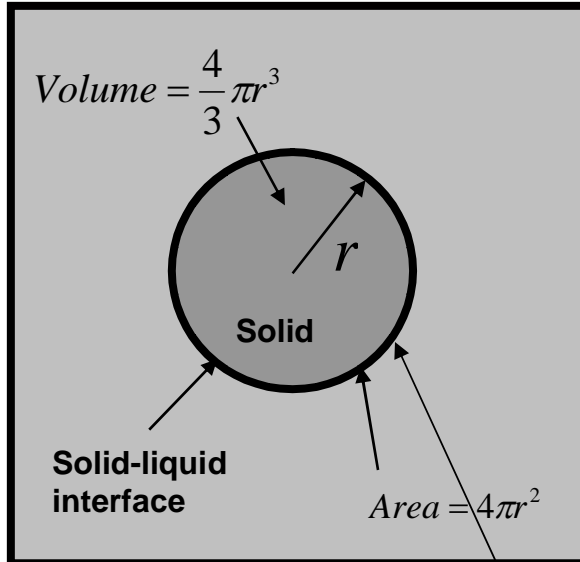
$\gamma$  : liquid - vapor

where





# Effect of Surface Energy: Nucleation/Melting



**Volume (Bulk) Free Energy** – stabilizes the nuclei (releases energy)

$$\Delta G_V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Delta G_v$$

$$\Delta G_v = \frac{\text{volume free energy}}{\text{unit volume}}$$

**Surface Free Energy**- destabilizes the nuclei (it takes energy to make an interface)

$$\Delta G_S = 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

$\gamma$  = **surface tension between solid-liquid interface**



# Solidification/Melting



$$r^* = \frac{-2\gamma T_m}{\Delta H_S \Delta T}$$

$r^*$  = critical radius

$\gamma$  = surface free energy

$T_m$  = melting temperature

$\Delta H_S$  = latent heat of solidification

$\Delta T = T_m - T$  = supercooling

Note:  $\Delta H_S$  = strong function of  $\Delta T$

$\gamma$  = weak function of  $\Delta T$

$\therefore r^*$  decreases as  $\Delta T$  increases

For typical  $\Delta T$   $r^*$  ca. 100Å

*Bulk gold melts at 1,064°C.*

*3nm gold nanoparticles  
melts at 300°C!*



# Size Effect in Evaporation/ Condensation

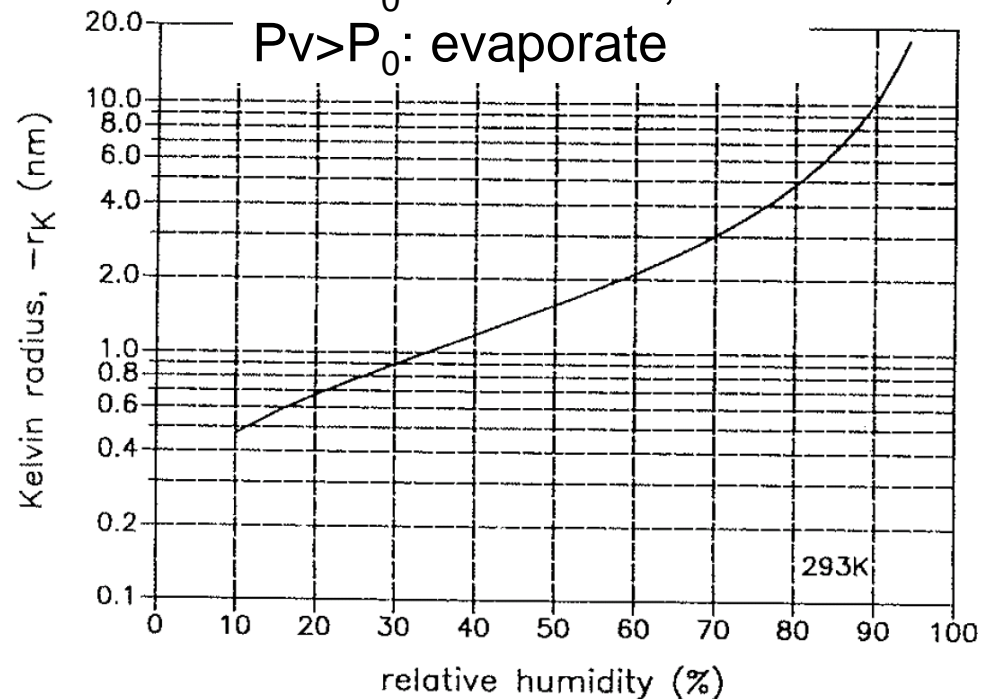


**Kelvin Equation: The change in vapor pressure due to a meniscus with radius  $r$  (e.g. in a capillary or over a droplet)**

$$\frac{2\gamma}{r} = nk_B T \ln \left( \frac{P_v}{P_0} \right)$$

$P_v < P_0$ : condense;  
 $P_v > P_0$ : evaporate

- The surface tension of water is  $\gamma = 74 \text{ mN/m}$  at  $T = 293 \text{ K}$  which gives the parameter  $\gamma/nkT = 0.54 \text{ nm}$ .
- Therefore we obtain for a Kelvin radius of **100 nm (concave)**,  $P_v/P_0 = 0.9$ .

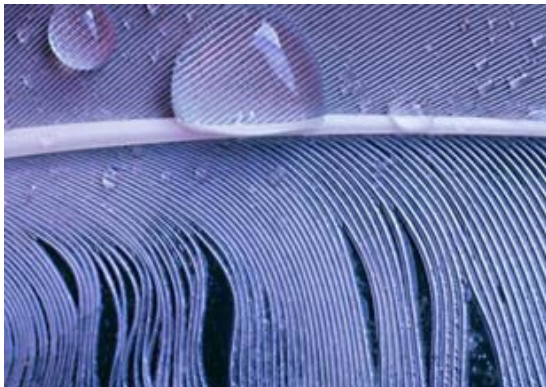




# Wetting on Textured Surfaces



- Nature has provided some water repelling examples from which we can learn.
  - Bird feathers
  - Lotus leaves
  - Water walking insects such as water striders and some types of spiders



<http://chemistry.org/>



<http://www.treehugger.com/files/lotus-leaf.jpg>



<http://www-math.mit.edu/~dhu/Striderweb/striderweb.html>

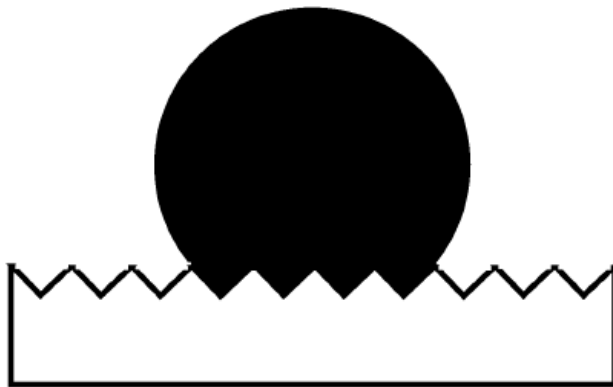


# Wetting on Textures: Wenzel Model



- Wenzel [2] showed that the apparent contact angle for homogeneous systems with surface roughness is modified in the following way:

$$\cos \theta_w = r \cos \theta$$



Marmur, *Wetting on hydrophobic rough surfaces: To be heterogeneous or not to be* [3]

$\theta_w$  = Apparent contact angle for a Wenzel drop

$r \equiv$  surface roughness =  $\frac{\text{actual surface area}}{\text{geometric surface area}}$

$\theta$  = Young's angle for a smooth surface

Illustration of a drop in the Wenzel state on a rough surface; note homogeneous contact area

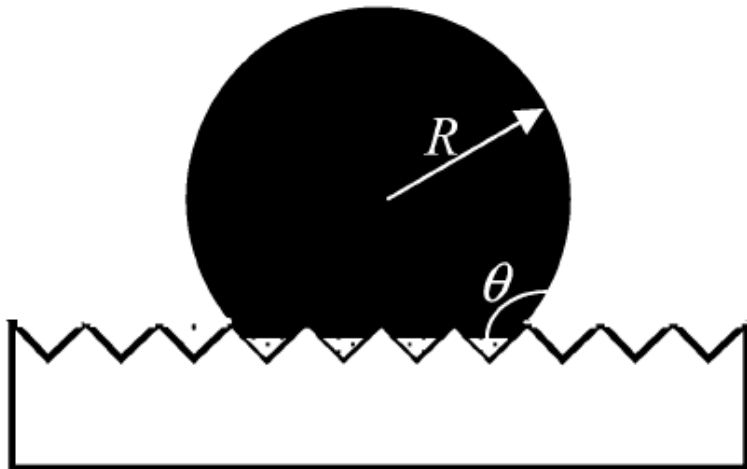


# Inhomogeneous Wetting



- Cassie and Baxter [4] developed the following relation, sometimes referred to as Cassie's Law, to predict the apparent contact angle for heterogeneous systems based on wetted fractional areas

$$\cos \theta_C = \phi_s (r_w \cos \theta + 1) - 1$$



Marmur, *Wetting on hydrophobic rough surfaces: To be heterogeneous or not to be* [3]

$\theta_C$  = Apparent contact angle for a Cassie drop

$\phi_s$  = Wetted area fraction on the horizontal projected plane

$r_w$  = Surface roughness of the wetted area

$\theta$  = Young's angle for a smooth surface

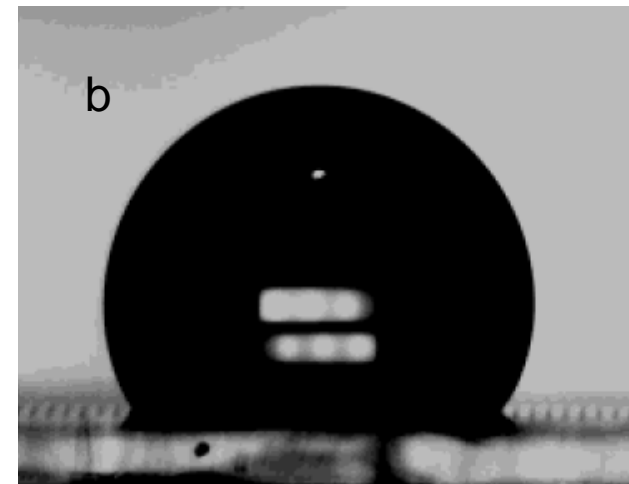
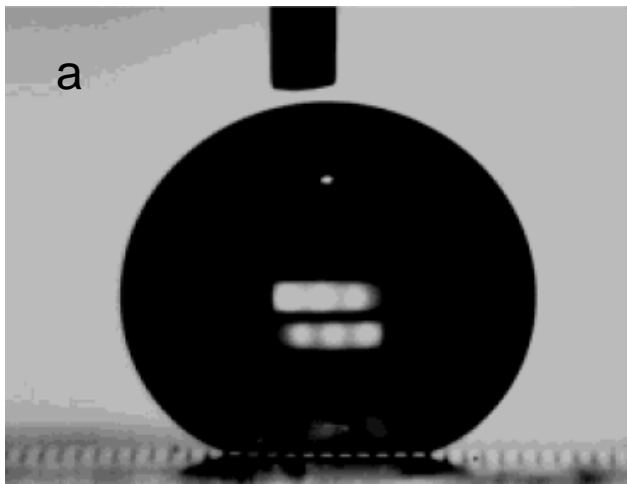
Illustration of a drop in the Cassie state on a rough surface; note heterogeneous contact area



# Cassie and Wenzel States

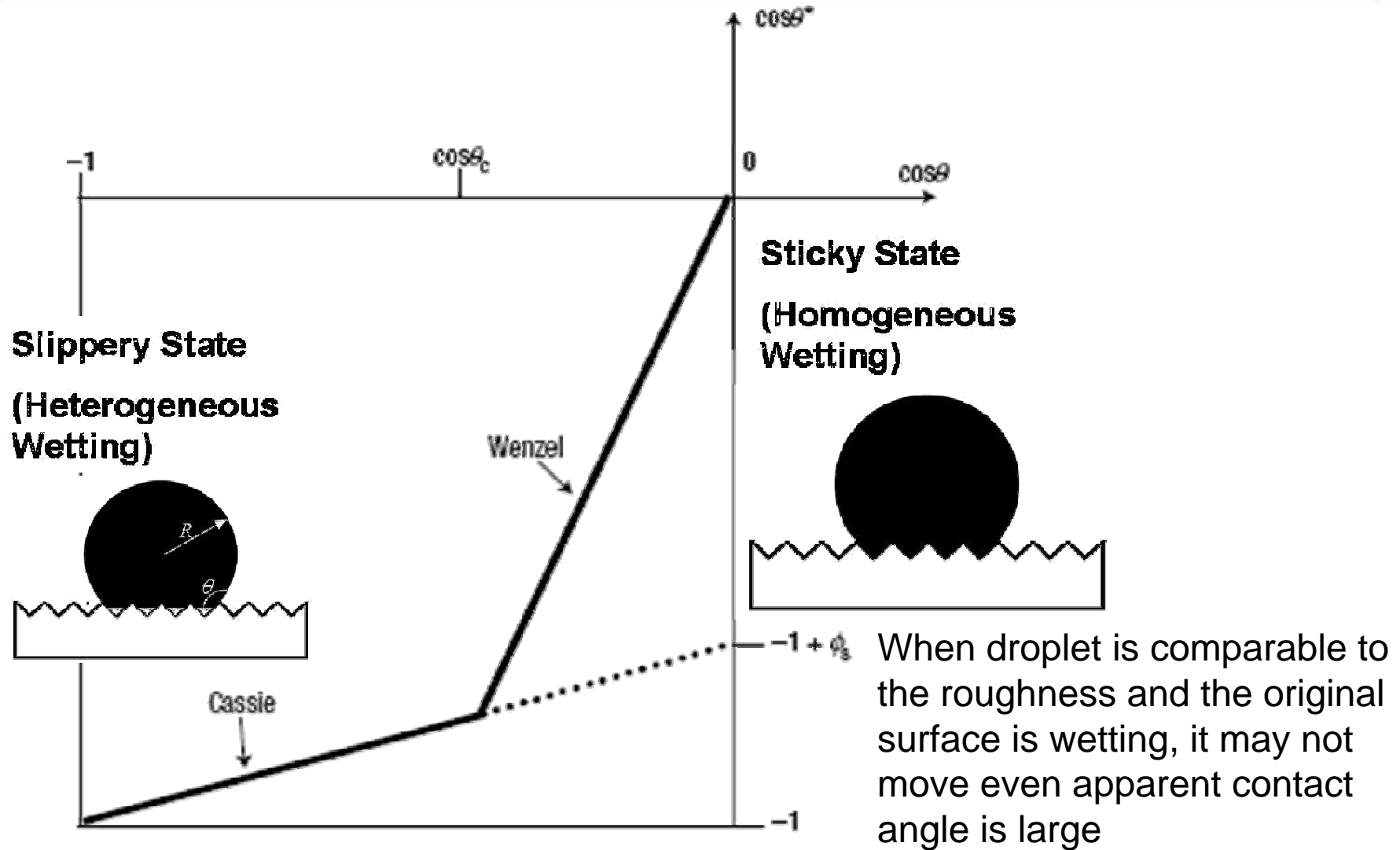


- Here are a pair of excellent micrographs from Patankar showing actual droplets in the Cassie state (a) and the Wenzel state (b)
- Note, however, that they are sitting on exactly the same surface, indicating transitions are possible





# Sticky or Slippery Surfaces?



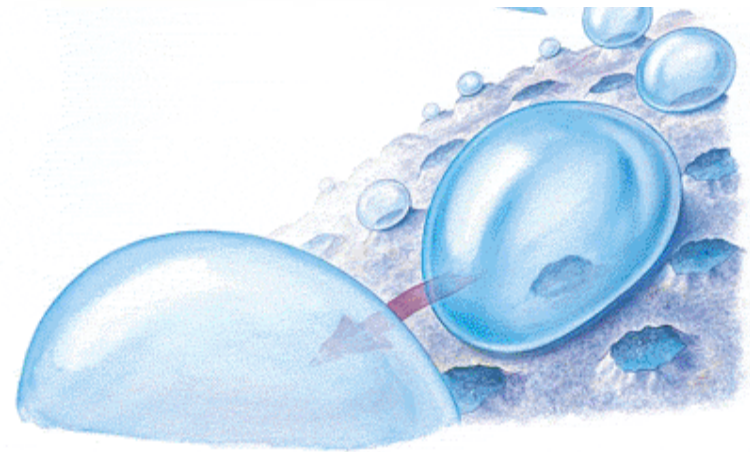




# Nature's Example: Namib Beetles



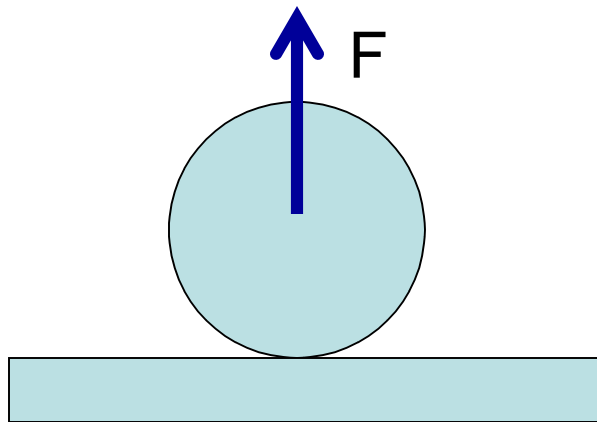
- Imagine you're a very thirsty tiny beetle in a desert. How can you get a drink?
- *Namib beetles have two types of surface bumps*
  - *unwaxed bumps to stick water droplets from the fog;*
  - *waxed troughs with water-repellency, so the droplets roll into the mouth.*



<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn1508>

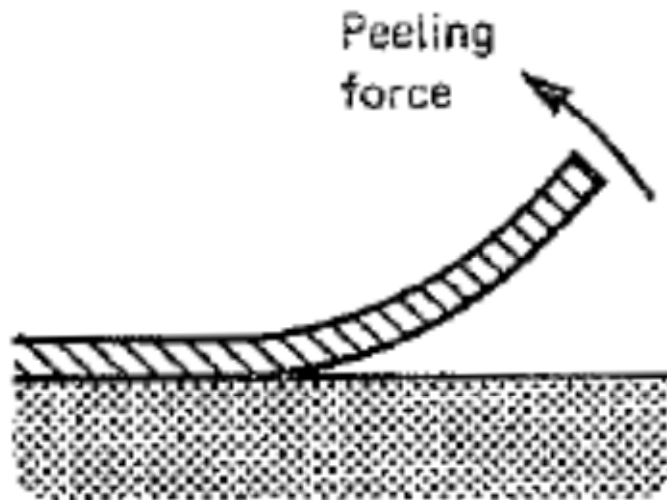


# Switching to Solid Surfaces



Surface interactions in practice:

- Pulling/Rolling a sphere on flat surface
- Peeling test (tapes, adhesives)



So what determines the adhesion forces on these contacts in the molecular scale?

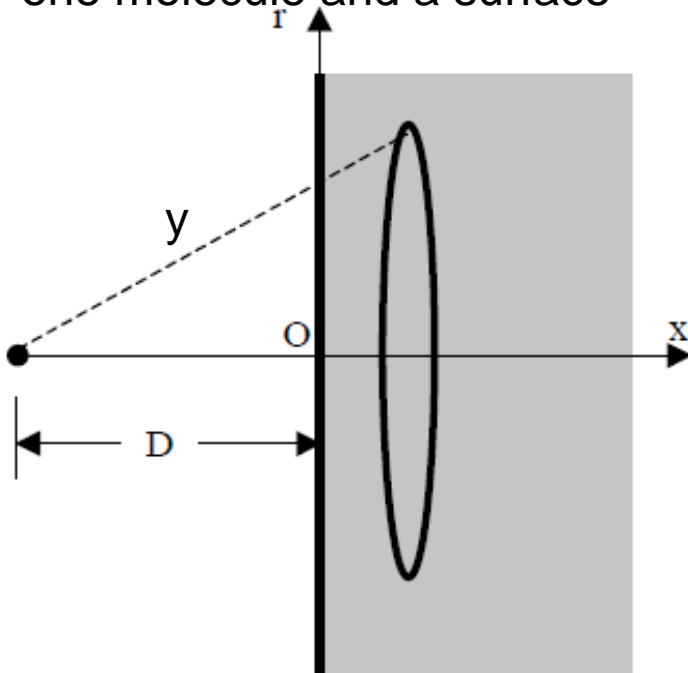


# Origin of Adhesion: VdW Forces



- Van de Waals force: the long range interactions between molecules
- Recall the potential energy:  $\phi = -\frac{\alpha}{r^6} + \frac{\beta}{r^n}$  ( $n \approx 12$ )

Let's find the interaction between one molecule and a surface



At distance  $x$  in the wall, consider a circle of radius  $r$ :

$$y = \sqrt{(D + x)^2 + r^2}$$

Number density of molecules in wall

$$\Phi(D) = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \rho \phi(y) 2\pi r dr dx$$

$$\Phi(D) = -\frac{\pi\rho\alpha}{6D^3}$$



# Example: Cylinder to Flat Surface



Consider a thin sheet at location  $z$  on the sphere:

Radius  $x = \sqrt{(2R - z)z}$

number of molecules on this sheet:

$$\rho_2 \pi x^2 dz = \rho_2 \pi (2R - z) z dz$$

Potential energy per molecule:  $\Phi(D+z) = -\frac{\pi \rho_1 \alpha}{6(D+z)^3}$

Integrated over whole sphere:

$$\Phi_{total} = -\rho_1 \rho_2 \pi^2 \alpha \int_0^{2R} \frac{(2R - z)z}{6(D + z)^3} dz$$

From: Israelachvili 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed

When  $D \ll R$ ,  $2R - z \sim 2R$

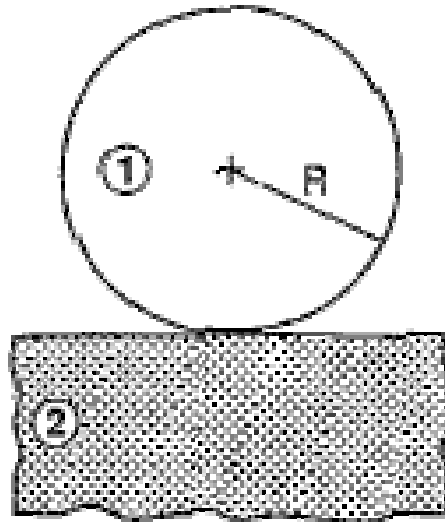
$$\Phi_{total}(D) \approx -\frac{\rho_1 \rho_2 \alpha \pi^2 R^{\leftarrow \text{Size of contact}}}{6D^{\leftarrow \text{Distance of contact}}}$$



# Johnson-Kendal-Roberts Model

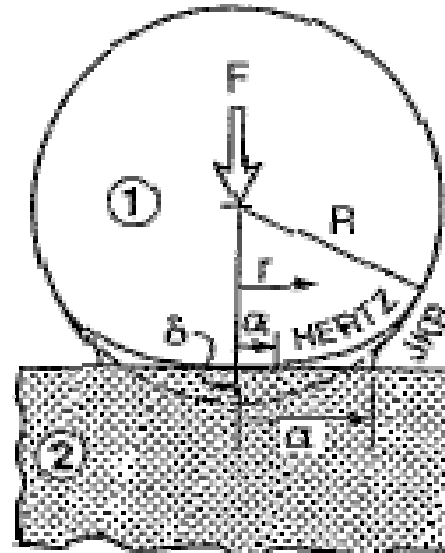


Configuration at equilibrium  
and pull-off



(a) Rigid sphere

Equilibrium



(b) Deformable (elastic) sphere

Pull-off

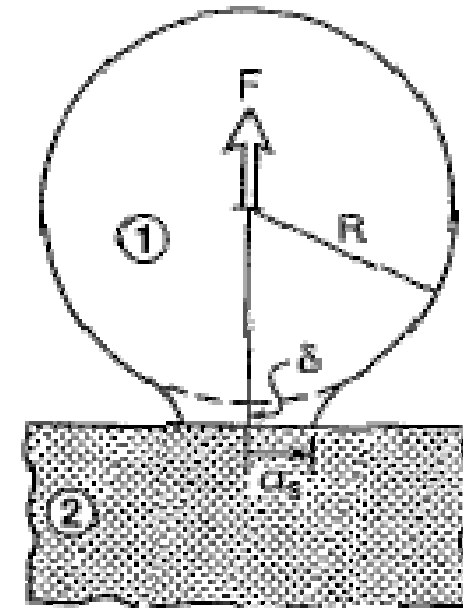


Fig. 15.7. (a) Rigid sphere on rigid surface. (b) Left: deformable (elastic) sphere on rigid surface in the absence (Hertz) and presence (JKR) of adhesion. Right: elastic adhering sphere about to separate spontaneously from adhesive contact.

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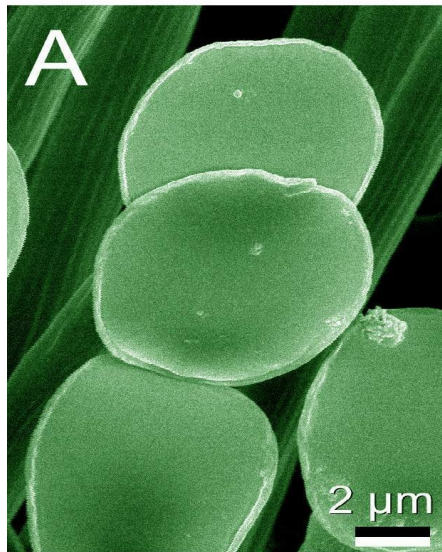
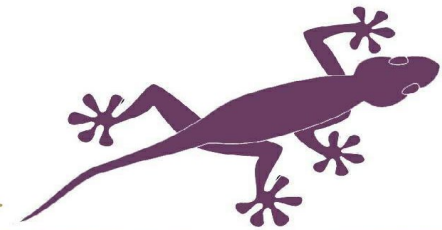
**Considering elasticity and surface energy, the JKR model leads to modern theory of contact mechanics**



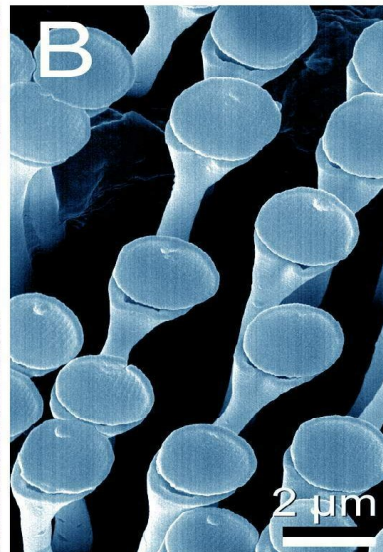
# Adhesion Enhancement by Nano-toes



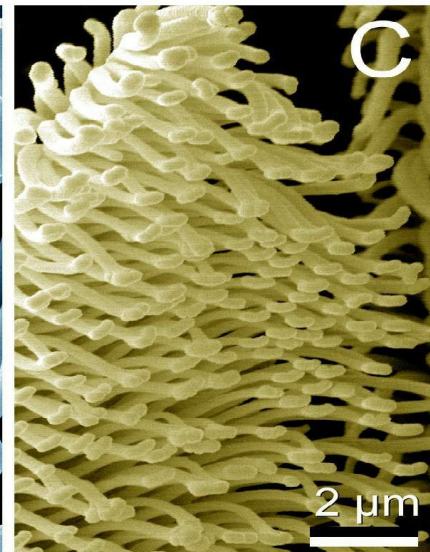
body mass →



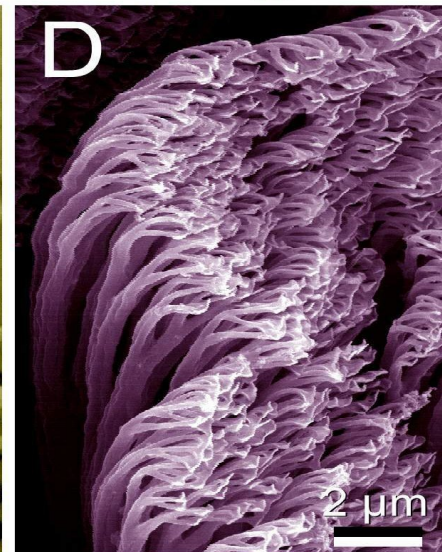
beetle



fly



spider



gecko

<http://shasta.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/research/Bio-tribology.htm>

$$\Phi(R, D) = -\frac{\rho_1 \rho_2 \pi^2 \alpha R}{6D}$$



# As sticky as a Gecko?



Autumn K et al. PNAS 2002;99:12252-12256

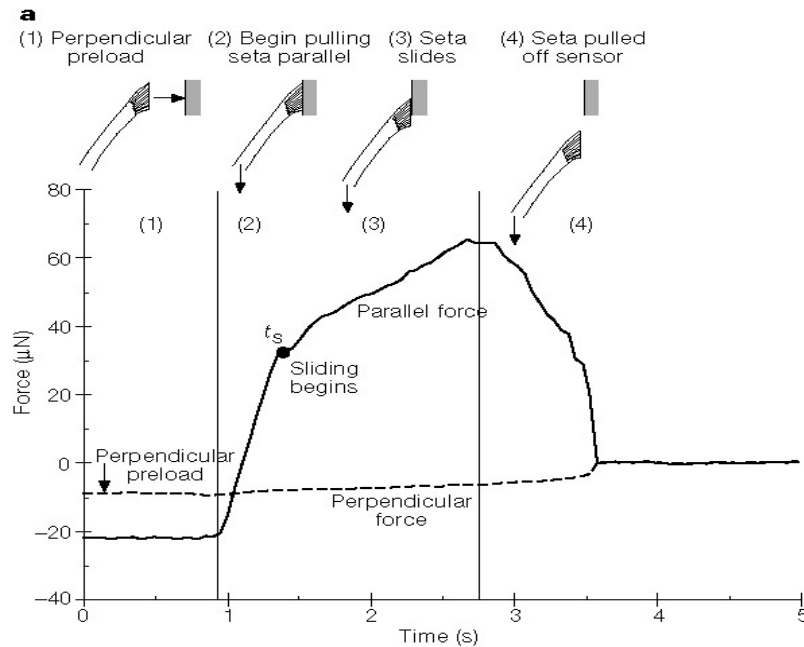
## Tokay Gecko Stats:

- 500,000 hairs per toe
- Hundreds of nanoprojections (spatulae) per hair
- Adhesive force in one foot = 100 newtons
- One dime-sized spot could lift a child weighing 45 pounds.

**Question Arising: *If their feet are that sticky, how do they pick up their feet?***

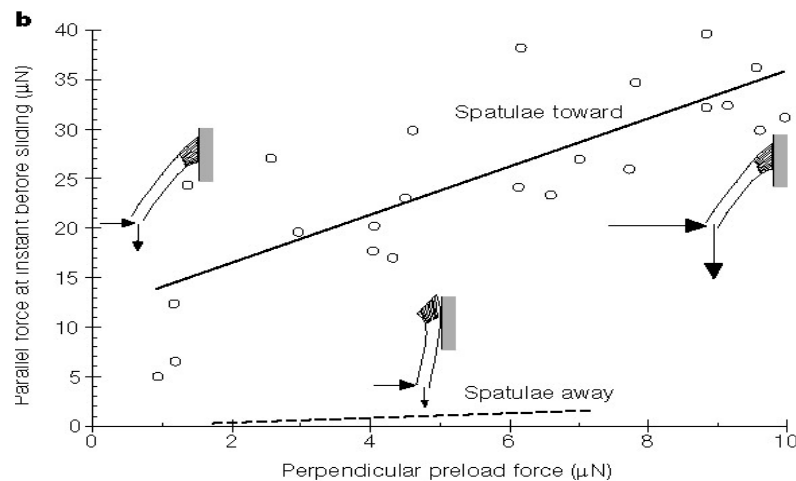


# How Can a Gecko Lift Its Foot Off?



**“These lizards uncurl their toes like a paper party favor whistle when putting their feet down;  
- and peel the toes back up as if removing a piece of tape when they step away.”**

Chemical & Engineering News, 2000

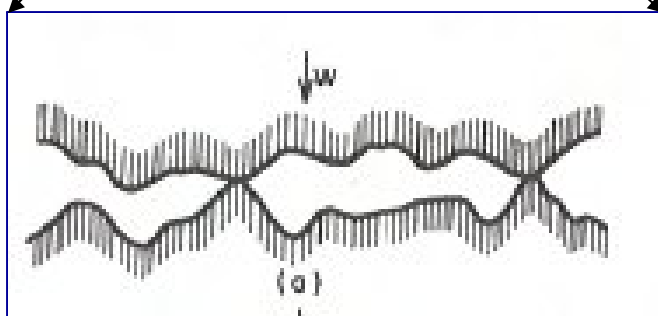
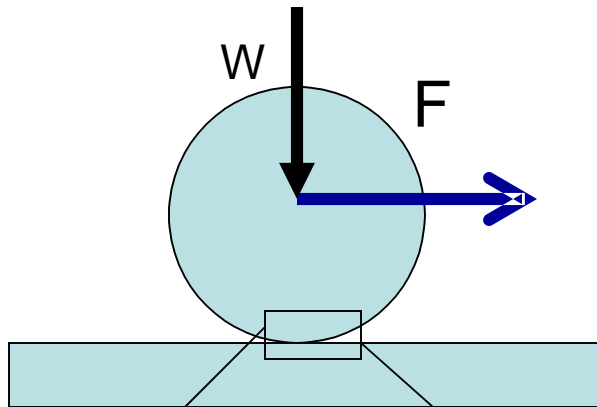


K. Autumn et al, Nature 405, 681-685(2000)





# Microscopic View of Friction



$$F \approx \frac{A}{D} (\underbrace{\gamma_A}_{\text{Surface energy in Advancing contact}} - \underbrace{\gamma_R}_{\text{Surface energy in Receding contact}})$$

Surface energy  
in Advancing  
contact

Surface energy  
in Receding  
contact

**Derjaguin (1957) proposed  
correction of friction**

$$F \approx \mu W + \underline{\mu A p_0}$$

Due to adhesion  
energy (no external  
force needed)



## Additional Readings



- Jacob N. Israelachvili, *Intermolecular and Surface Forces*, Chapt 10,11,15, Academic Press, 2nd Edition, 1992 (available online)
- Adamson and Gast, “*Physical Chemistry of Surfaces*”, Chapt 12 , Wiley, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.